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Regarding the Applicant, PVDP's, intention to make some substantial new submission around 16th July having failed to meet the extended deadline to answer the Secretary of State's many questions.

New submissions should be inadmissible according to standard procedure, especially as the new submissions would include assessments that were requested by 9th. June

Interested parties have responded to all deadlines and deadlines should apply to all parties. A major concern is the idea of it being deemed acceptable by the Applicant to suggest resubmission of any new material after the deadline. This would be unethical and would undermine the integrity of the planning process. Submissions after 9th July would in fact be an extension by another route, the request for a further extension having already been clearly denied in the Secretary of State's letter. Other companies would have followed procedure to the letter. It is therefore quite misguided of PVDP to assume the right to ignore advice clearly given by the Secretary of State whose letter stated that the deadline, of " 23.59 on June 9th. 2026 for response to the RFI therefore remains". There has been significant opportunity to carry out requested assessments during the Examination period. PVDP's claim to have lacked time and resources to complete assessments in that time is perhaps the biggest red flag yet, the number of which have been itemized in previous letters to the Government Inspectorate.

Yes, we need sources of alternative, clean, energy but it is essential in the words of the S of S that, "maintaining discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act of 2008 is of fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes." Regimes that have been flagrantly disregarded by PVDP throughout much of the application process. So the quoted extract brought much needed reassurance in these times of instability.

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